



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tarou KANEKO

Serial No.: 09/987,459

Group Art Unit: 2874

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Examiner: Wong, Eric K.

For: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRADING WITH OPTICAL INPUT AND OUTPUT  
CHARACTERISTICS SETTABLE TO DESIRED VALUES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 22, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 5-8, 10, 12, 16, 31-34, 36, 38, 40, and 42 are all of the claims currently pending in the application. Claims 5-8, 10, 12, 16, 31-34, 36, 38, 40, and 42 are currently amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1-4, 9, 11, 13-15, 17-30, 35, 37, 39, 41, and 43-48 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5-8, 10, 12, 16, 31-34, 36, 38, 40, and 42 are independent.

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